MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Instructions were issued by the Director of Public Instruction in the case of pupils of depressed communities that the fees levied in the first instance should be refunded after making an enquiry into their financial condition, and that the enquiry should not take more than one month. In the case of backward communities, the usual procedure has been followed. But it has since been ordered that such enquiries may be dropped, and that ordinarily depressed class pupils should be regarded as eligible for the concession, except where the school authorities know that any particular pupil is well-to-do, in which case the concession may be denied to such pupil.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ഹെഡ്മാസ്റ്റർമാരും മാനേജർമാരും എല്ലാ കുട്ടികളുടെ അടുത്തുനിന്നും ഫീസ് പിരിക്കണമെന്ന വ്യവസ്ഥയുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് ഒന്നാമത്തെതവണതന്നെ ഫീസടയ്ക്കാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാതെ അധ:കൃതവിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ വെളിയിൽ പോകേണ്ടതായിട്ടു വരികയില്ലേ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have already said that enquiries are going on.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know what was the reason for the original order?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Inrtruction*): In the case of half fee concession we followed this practice. So when Government revised the order with regard to the full fee concession, we followed the same procedure.

PRESIDENT Question time is over. The remaining questions will be taken up tomorrow.

I wish to ask all non-official members to meet in this Hall after 5 O' clock on Monday to elect two members to the Standing Finance Committee and two members to the Public Accounts Committee. I will ask Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar, one of the panel of Chairmen, to conduct the elections. The election will be by ballot.

The discussion will continue on the Police Demand. The House was discussing Mr. Kesavan Sastri's motion No. 223.

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): Sir, in connection with the enlistment of constables Mr. Kesavan Sastri and Mr. John Joseph spoke a few words in appreciation. I thank them for that. But Mr. Joseph said that in all the enlistments this sort of consideration should be shown to the depressed classes. If this is shown, it is not possible for me to encourage the least represented classes and any other classes. In the enlistment previous to the last there was a complaint that no wide publicity was given to the depressed classes and so only very few appeared from those communities. Hence I issued a notification in the Government Gazette in which I stated that preference would

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be given to the members of the depressed classes. I gave preference to them accordingly. Now Mr. Joseph expects several vacancies every month. We cannot expect vacancies every month because all the old constables are retired and sent away. Now there are only young constables and as such casualties will be less. Anyhow in connection with the enlistment, I shall treat all alike giving as far as possible preference to the poorly represented classes and the depressed classes. That is the only promise which I can give now.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : സർ, പോലീസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്ന് ഈ രാജ്യത്തെ അധഃകൃതസമുദായങ്ങൾക്ക് ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളതും ഉണ്ടായിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതുമായ സഹായങ്ങൾക്കു പ്രത്യേകം നന്ദിയും കൃതാർത്ഥതയും ഞങ്ങൾക്കുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ആദ്യമേ തന്നെ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തിക്കൊള്ളട്ടെ. ഞങ്ങളുടെ കാര്യങ്ങളിൽ പ്രസ്തുത ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം, കരുണാപൂർവം വേണ്ടതു ചെയ്തു സഹായിച്ചുകൊള്ളാമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറുഭാഗത്തുനിന്നും സസന്തോഷം, സകരുണം, അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളതിനാൽ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻവലിക്കുന്നതിനു ഞാൻ അനുവാദം ചോദിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion Nos. 224 and 225

The following motions were not moved :—

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH :

224. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 47,954 for Commissioner by Rs. 3 .

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR :

225. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 47,954 for Commissioner by Rs. 5.

Motion No. 226.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir I wish to know whether I will be permitted to discuss the same subject under Motion 230 to be moved by Mr. K. Sankaran ?

PRESIDENT : No. Your motion is to abolish the whole traffic staff.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, I beg to move :—

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,975 for salaries of District Superintendents by Rs. 10."

My object is to discuss the desirability of the abolition of the staff of the Traffic Section in the Police Department.

In Travancore there is the Motor Vehicles Regulation. All sorts of offences committed or infringements of any provision of the Vehicles Regulation by the drivers, conductors and so forth are prosecuted under that Regulation. Invariably that is being done. But the Commissioner of Police has framed and issued certain notifications as a result of which even those persons who are prosecuted in the criminal courts of the State, whether they are convicted or not, are subsequently punished by the Traffic Superintendent or the executive officers.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Can the member give any instance in which people discharged without punishments are visited with punishments by the Police Department ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : There are various cases.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Can the member give any specific instance in which the Criminal Court's finding is guilty and the Department punishes on that very same ground ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : If the departmental head requires that information, I shall furnish it.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Am I to understand from the member that any other member of the House is not entitled to get such information at the hands of the member ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : I claim notice for that. (*Laughter.*) For that information I draw the attention of the member as well as the authority to page 27 of the Administration Report of the Department :—

> "The inadequate punishment awarded by the Magistracy regarding which, reference was made in the reports for 1105 and 1106 continued in 1107 also and deterrent departmental action had to be taken to prevent the violation of the rules under the Motor Vehicles Regulation."

So it is evident by the admission in the report of the department itself that departmental punishments are being inflicted upon the motor owners at their own will and pleasure. It is also seen from the same report that permits, badges and pass-books of 1,172 persons employed in the motor business have been temporarily suspended and permits and pass-books of as many as 97 persons have been cancelled. So the total number comes to 1,269. Sir, in these hard days of economic depression, when there is the problem of unemployment and poverty staring with all its grimness at us we find that 1,269 persons who were employed in the motor business have been seriously affected by the unauthorised and autocratic action of the Commissioner of Police as a result of the indiscriminate working of the unauthorised notifications issued by the Commissioner of Police. I purposely say that they are unauthorised because it will be found from 21 T. L. J. 182, that such notifications issued by the registration authority, I mean the Police Commissioner, are *ultra vires* and the registration authority has no power to issue such notifications. It has been found so by Their Honours the Judges of the High Court in that decision. In spite of the finding by the highest judciary in the State that such notifications are *ultra vires*, the registration authority even today continues to inflict such punishments. This action on the part of the authority is most objectionable.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : Does the member refer to para 58 of the Report, which runs :-

> "The inadequate punishment awarded by the Magistracy regarding which, reference was made in the reports for 1105 and 1106 continued in 1107 also and deterrent departmental action had to be taken to prevent the violation of the rules under the Motor Vehicles Regulation."

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Yes.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Does he refer to that as double punishment?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Yes.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): I second the motion.

PRESIDENT: I have said several times that a seconder is not necessary.

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): Sir, the Commissioner of Police has not framed any rules.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Has only notice been issued and action taken?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): Instructions have been issued for the better control of the drivers and conductors. There have been no double punishments. There is no double punishment at all. The punishment is awarded by the Magistrate for a specific act. In the interest of the public, we give warning and then suspend the license or pass-book to mend the conduct and behaviour of the driver or the conductor, who, in spite of conviction by the Magistrate, does not improve his ways.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Are the provisions in the Motor Vehicles Regulation comprehensive enough to mend the character of the drivers and conductors?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): I have already stated, Sir, that on account of the inadequacy of the punishments awarded by the Magistrates, the drivers and conductors do not care for the punishments awarded to them by the Magistrates. If to-day the Magistrate fines one man five rupees, he will at once pay it off and make fifty the next day by overloading his bus.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is not the Commissioner of Police now attempting to sit in judgment over the judgment of the Magistrates, the established judiciary in the land?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): I am sorry the member has mistaken my position. We do not take any action in cases where a driver or conductor has been convicted just once. Of course it is not unnatural that a man may go wrong. But if a man does not mend himself in spite of repeated convictions by the Magistrate, if he proves to be incorrigible, it is considered the duty of the Department, in the interest of the public, to take action against him and with this end in view, they suspend his license.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any provision in the Motor Vehicles Regulation empowering him to take action like that?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes, as per rules passed under the Regulation.

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MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഒരു കുറത്തിനായി മജിസ്ട്രേട്ടുകോടതിയിൽനിന്നും ശിക്ഷിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്; അതിനുശേഷം അതെ കുറത്തിനു തന്നെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും ലൈസൻസ് സസ്പെൻറു ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യുന്നില്ല. ഒരാൾ ഓവർലോഡ് കയറ്റികൊണ്ടു പോയതിന്മേൽ അയാളെ ചാർജ്ജു ചെയ്തു മജിസ്ട്രേട്ട് പിഴയിടുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇതിലേക്കു മജിസ്ട്രേട്ട് അഞ്ചു രൂപയല്ലേ പിഴയിട്ടുള്ളു എന്നു വിചാരിച്ചു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും ശിക്ഷിക്കുന്നില്ല.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഒരു കേസ് മജിസ്ട്രേട്ട് കോടതിയിൽ ചാർജ്ജു ചെയ്യുന്നു. ആ കേസിന്മേൽ ഉടനെതന്നെ വിധി പ്രസ്താവിച്ചാലും ഇല്ലെങ്കിലും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ നിന്നു ലൈസൻസ് സസ്പെൻറു ചെയ്യുന്നില്ലെ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): ആ കുറത്തിനായിട്ടല്ല സസ്പെൻറു ചെയ്യുന്നതു്. ഒരാൾ ഒരു കുറം കാണിച്ചാൽ അയാളുടെ കാരക്ടർ (Character) എങ്ങിനെയിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നു നോക്കും. ഇങ്ങനെ കുറം കാണിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഒരാളെ ചാർജ്ജുചെയ്തു കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ മജിസ്ട്രേട്ട് വിധി പ്രസ്താവിക്കുന്നതുവരെ അയാൾ പിന്നെയും വണ്ടി ഓട്ടിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു തന്നെയിരിക്കുമല്ലൊ. അതു അപകടമാണെന്നു കരുതി മജിസ്ട്രേട്ടിൻെറ വിധി വരുന്നതുവരെ അയാളുടെ ലൈസൻസ് സസ്പെൻറു ചെയ്തുവയ്ക്കും. ദൃഷ്ടാന്തമായി ഒരു കാൻസ്റ്റബിളിനു അയാൾ ചെയ്യുന്ന ചില്ലറ കുറത്തിനു ബ്ലാക്കുമാർക്ക് കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ അതു ബ്ലാക്കുമാർക്കു വാങ്ങിച്ചയാളിനെ, അയാൾ ഡിസിപ്ലിൻമെൻറയിൻ ചെയ്യാത്തതു കൊണ്ടു ജോലിയിൽവച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കാൻ പാടില്ലാത്തതിനാൽ, ഡിസ്മിസ് ചെയ്യുന്നു. ഇതു പോലെ ഡ്രൈവേർമാർ കാണിക്കുന്ന കുറങ്ങളെ തടയാനായി ഇങ്ങനെ ഒന്നു വയ്ക്കുന്നു എന്നല്ലാതെ അതൊരു ശിക്ഷയല്ല.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഒരാൾ അയ്യാളുടെ തൊഴിൽ ചെയ്തു ക്രൂടെന്നു പറയുന്നതും പോലീസ്കാൻസ്റ്റബിളിനു കൊടുക്കുന്ന ബ്ലാക്കുമാർക്കും ഒന്നുപോലെയാണോ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Polise*): ലൈസൻസ് സസ്പെൻറു ചെയ്യാനല്ലാതെ പിഴയിടാനുള്ള അധികാരം പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണക്കില്ല. എന്നാൽ പിഴയെപ്പറ്റി പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ മജി

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സ്റ്റേട്ടുകോടതിയിൽനിന്നും ഫൈൻ ശിക്ഷാ പിഴയിട്ടതുകൊണ്ടും ഒരു വിശേഷവുമില്ല. പിഴ ഒടുക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. ഏതാനും ദിവസത്തേയ്ക്കു ലൈസൻസ് സസ്പെൻഡു ചെയ്തു കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ, അയാൾക്കിതല്ലാതെ മറ്റു ഉപജീവനമാർഗ്ഗമില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ട്, അയാൾ മര്യാദപഠിച്ചു നന്നാകും.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): കോടതിക്കു ഇതു സസ്പെൻഡു ചെയ്യാൻ അധികാരമില്ലേ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): ഉണ്ട്.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഈ അധികാരം മജിസ്ട്രേട്ടു തന്നെ പ്രയോഗിക്കുന്നതല്ലേ കൂടെക്കൂടിനല്ലതു്?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): പ്രയോഗിച്ചുകൊള്ളാം.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): അങ്ങിനെ മജിസ്ട്രേട്ടു പ്രയോഗിക്കുന്നില്ലേ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): ഇല്ല.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the observation, in the Report of the Department, about the inadequacy of the punishments awarded by the Magistrates, in regard to offences under the Motor Vehicles Regulation, is not a criticism upon the work of the Judiciary?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): It is not a remark on the work of any particular Magistrate. It is merely an expression of my opinion and the reason for the unsatisfactory condition of the motor section work.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): So, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Police, the punishment now meted out by the Magistracy is inadequate?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Does it not amount to the Commissioner of Police sitting in judgment over the judgments and awards of the Magistracy?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): It is merely the expression of my opinion in the Department; and I have already written to the District Magistrates about it.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Is it proper that the Commissioner of Police should make his own observation with respect to the punishments meted out by the Magistracy?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): I do not think there is anything improper in that.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): So, may I take it that it is the opinion of the Commissioner of Police that he is at liberty to give out his opinion about the awards of the Magistracy?

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MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether, in the cases in which the punishments were inadequate according to the Police Department, the Department went on revision to the High Court and got the punishments enhanced ?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*) : Such small cases are not worthy of revision ; that is all very difficult.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Is it because the Department had no confidence in the High Court ?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, the explanation offered by the Commissioner of Police is not at all satisfactory. It is extremely hard that the Department should mercilessly punish these poor people, engaged in motor bus business, by their own executive and irresponsible action. It is high time that such high-handed and autocractic action is put a stop to. The Report of the Department makes it clear that, generally, crimes in the State are increasing day by day and that the Department is not able to cope with that. For instance, offences relating to false coinage are increasing day by day. When the Department is not able to do any useful work in its ordinary activities, I do not see any reason why there should be a separate Traffic Section of the Department with a high-paid officer as its head. In the interest of the public, and in the interest of Government, and particularly as a measure of retrenchment, that branch of the Department must be abolished immediately.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether the member has in view, when he makes these suggestions, the amount of inconvenience caused to the public by the vagaries of the bus drivers and conductors ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : It does not require a special branch of the Dapartment to prevent that ; the ordinary Police force can do that work.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : Does not the member also see, from the Report of the Department to which he has been referring so often in this debate, that the number of accidents has fallen down considerably ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : That shows that the bus drivers have improved (*Laughter*) ; or, perhaps, it indicates the non-vigilance on the part of the Department.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : Does my friend seriously suggest that accidents have gone down in number because of the non-vigilance on the part of the Department ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Why not ? Only a few cases of accidents might have come to their notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Who will regulate traffic in busy centres if the traffic branch of the Department is abolished ?

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): The ordinary Police force.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): In the light of the member's own observation that, even as it is, with a separate Traffic Section of the Department, the Police force is not able to do proper work in the prevention of crime, would it be wise to ask the ordinary Police force to do this traffic work also?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): The men in the Traffic Branch may be taken over to the general Police force and asked to do traffic work.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is it the member's idea that there need not be a separate branch but that the men now in the Branch may be drafted on to the general Police force and asked to do traffic work?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Yes, and we need not have so many men for this work.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): If that was his view, may I know why he did not suggest such reduction in numbers either in his original speech or in his reply?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Whether I suggested it or not, it was open to my friends to suggest that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I take it that the member is now trying to modify his original motion?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Yes. I can do that.

Sir, in the face of the suggestions made by some of my friends on this side of the House, and in the hope that the Police Commissioner will see that the persons engaged in bus business are not unnecessarily punished, I withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motion No. 227.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Sir, I beg to make the following motion:

To omit the allotment of Rs. 17,125 for Salaries for Assistant Superintendents of Police.

The object of my motion is two-fold.

It is in the interests of economy and retrenchment, which seem to be the most all-absorbing subject, at least so far as the members on this side of the House are concerned? Secondly, the object of my motion is to point out that these officers are, under the present constitution of the Police Department, quite unnecessary and superfluous.

On the first ground, that is, on the score of economy and retrenchment, I do not think I should spend many words, because it was found, when discussion was going on under various heads in the budget, that the members on this side of the House were invariably pressing on the attention of Government the vital necessity for cutting short expenditure in all directions possible.

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With regard to the necessity of this particular cadre of officers in the Police Department, I should observe that the non-official members have expressed their view on more than one occasion in this House. Sir, in this connection I will go into the history of this question briefly. The present constitution of the Police Department, more or less on the lines that we now have, dates back to the year 1088. Before the year 1088, for supervising work and for inspection work we had only four officers in the department in addition to the inspectorate. One Police Superintendent was then the head of the department and there were three Assistant Superintendents of Police. That was the strength of the superior officers in the year 1088, that is exactly twenty years ago.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): What was the strength of the constabulary then?

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): I do not know. I would refer the member to the Administration Report or the Statistical Volume. Then in 1088 there was a reorganisation of the department. Under this reorganisation a new cadre of officers known as Circle Inspectors was created. There were twenty-two Circle Inspectors. The old Inspectors were converted into Sub-Inspectors in charge of stations. These 22 Circle Inspectors were doing inspection work and supervision work and at the same time the whole State was divided for purposes of superior supervision into five districts. Then the Salaries Committee of 1096 recommended the abolition of all these 22 Circle Inspectors and also the reduction of the 5 District Superintendents to 3, that is to abolish two posts. The then Commissioner of Police, Mr. Pitt, pressed for retaining them and for an addition in the strength of Assistant Superintendents of Police. He said that there should be at least 6 Assistant Superintendents of Police. The 22 Circle Inspectors were abolished. In their place 6 Assistant Superintendents were created. Ever since, this the non-official members of this House have been pressing for the abolition of these posts. I believe it is seen from Volume 5 page 664 of the Legislative Council Proceedings that this House once discussed this question in all its aspects and came to the conclusion by a very strong majority that these officers are unnecessary and superfluous and that it will be a very good saving if this particular cadre is abolished. But somehow or other, we find that, in spite of the fact that the non-official members had unmistakably expressed their opinion on this point, these officers still exist. I should not be understood as casting any aspersion upon any particular individual in the existing cadre. I know that there are very many good men and true among them. It is not on that account. But, these officers in addition to the existing District Superintendents of Police for the purpose of inspection and supervision are quite unnecessary and superfluous.

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Again, the responsibility and powers of these two sets of officers, namely the District Superintendents of Police and the Assistant Superintendents of Police, are not definitely laid down, so much so that sometimes we notice friction in the actual working of the department. With regard to the investigation of cases, with regard to the prosecution of cases, with regard to the detection of crimes, with regard to many of these important items of police work we find there is friction between these two sets of officers. If the District Superintendent of Police happens to be a very strong man, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, who wants to take a particular line of action, is not allowed to have his own way and then there arises friction. Or, if the District Superintendent of Police happens to be a happy-go-lucky sort of man, he leaves everything to be looked into by his immediate subordinate, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, and the latter becomes a very strong man. Well, Sir, there are instances where, even with regard to very serious matters, for instance, in connection with serious riots, these two officers are known to have taken different views about the seriousness of the situation and whether force should be employed in order to suppress the riot. On these important matters these two officers are known to have differed to the great detriment of the public and also of the public peace. On all occasions when this matter was pressed on the attention of the Government, the Government used to meet the non-official members of this House by saying that in the interests of efficient supervision and inspection these officers are quite necessary, and that if the posts of these officers are abolished efficiency will suffer. That has been the explanation so far as the Government side was concerned.

Sir, in this connection I would refer to page 2 of the Administration Report of the Department for the year 1107. In spite of the fact that the Government have been giving these explanations for so many years and in spite of the fact that we have got so many superior officers in the Police Department to inspect, to supervise, to control and to check and do all that, we find that the police work is not quite satisfactory and that is the opinion of the Government also. That will be seen from paragraph 7 of the Administration Report at page 2.

"*Discipline.* The percentage of black-marks awarded during the year to the actual strength of the constabulary increased from 14·5 in 1106 to 21·5 in 1107".

So, in the matter of discipline —and that is a very vital matter so far as the Police Department is concerned—there is no improvement. We can know that there is a decline as it were.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know the percentage of departmental punishments before the Assistant Superintendents of Police were appointed

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): I have not got the figures now ready at hand.

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This appreciable increase is explained as due to the fact that the men on traffic point duty which is only at its early stages of development had to be awarded black-marks to keep them alive to their responsibility in the matter of traffic control.

So, whatever it is due to, in the matter of discipline, there is no improvement. Secondly, with regard to judicial punishments,—

"The number of Police Officers and men prosecuted, by the public increased, from 56 men involved in 55 cases in 1105 to 80 men concerned in 71 cases in 1106, and still further to 122 men concerned in 111 cases, in 1107."

That is the point that I want to urge on the attention of Government. I ask, in all seriousness, the Police Commissioner what were all these superior Police Officers doing when cases of misbehaviour on the part of policemen occurred. We do not find any appreciable improvement so far as the proper check and control and supervision is concerned. If so, we would not have had so many prosecutions of the Police Officers by the members of the public

Thirdly, Sir, I refer to the number of crimes. We do not find any appreciable decrease in the number of crimes. That shows that the preventive action, so far as the duty of these officers in that direction is concerned, has not been properly attended to, in spite of the fact that we have four D. S. P's and six A. S. P's. The sanctioned strength as well as the actual strength is now ten officers. That is nearly four times the number of superior officers in the Police Department 20 years ago, that is in 1088.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*): May I know from the member whether these officers are expected to prevent all sorts of offences?

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): The prevention of crimes is also part of their functions.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Is the member in a position to tell the House the percentage of convictions in prosecutions against the Police Officers?

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): The percentage is going down.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Can the member give the exact percentage?

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): I would refer the member to paragraph 9 of the report. There we find—

> "The number of true cases of cognisable crime under the Penal Code (excluding nuisance cases) increased from 1,895 in 1105, to 2104 in 1106, and still further to 2,206 in 1107. The percentage of conviction of true cases of cognisable crime (excluding nuisance cases and cases in which investigation was refused) which rose from 63·7 in 1105, to 73·7 in 1106, fell to 58·1 in 1107."

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MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): That is not what I asked. I wanted to know the percentage of cases in which Policemen were the accused and there were convictions.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): The answer to that is contained in paragraph 8 of the report.

> "Of these fifty-one were discharged and the case against seventy one was pending trial at the close of the year; 2 men were prosecuted by the Department and the cases against them are pending trial."

That is the answer to the question put by my friend.

PRESIDENT: Your time is up, Mr. Narayana Pillai.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): So I hope that the non-official members of this House will unmistakably express their opinion on this point.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Sir, if it is possible to have any retrenchment in expenditure I should be very glad indeed. But in this matter I am sorry to say that I cannot agree with the proposition put before the House by the mover. It is true that some time ago this House was of the opinion that the post of the Assistant Superintendents of Police should be abolished. Later on, the question was re-considered. I remember Mr. Pitt entering his protest against the former resolution and I remember his very enthusiastic advocacy of the office. At that time some of us thought that, when a gentleman from outside is brought here for some time, any proposal made by him must be considered with caution because he would not be familiar with the actual circumstances of the country. Now, Sir, we are in a better position. Here is an officer at the head of the department who rose from the rank and file, by dint of ability and character, one who is the son of the soil, one who knows the people and who knows all the details of the departmental work. Therefore, Sir, I expect the Commissioner of Police would tell us whether they are absolutely necessary. In the time of Mr. Bensley, a time when some of us were boys, nobody considered that any proposal made by Mr. Bensley with regard to the enlistment of the Police or the improvement of their fortunes was not justified. Later on, because gentlemen were imported and brought into Travancore and were appointed to hold posts only for some time, some of us had our own suspicions. But we are in an excellent situation now because we have as the Head of the Department one who knows the country.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether it is his suggestion that the previous meeting of the Legislative Council which decided on this question decided it on the personnel of the Commissioner rather than on the merits of the question?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): I certainly understand. When my friend Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai gives an opinion I can understand that it should be given weight to because he is a man of learning. Similarly when the Commissioner speaks on that subject,

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it should be given weight too. I am very grateful for those officers who have been patriotically doing our work. But a particular person who has risen from the ranks and come to the top has greater opportunities of learning work and therefore I attach very great value to his opinion.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഫ ഫ ഠ ൻ-ൽ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള കുറക്കാരെ ശിക്ഷിക്കയും പിന്നീട് കഠിനകൃത്യങ്ങൾ ഇല്ലാതിരിക്കയും ചെയ്താൽ ഫ ഫ ഠ ൻ-ൽ എ. എസ്. പി. മാരെ കുറയ്ക്കാമോ?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): അതു പോരാ എന്നാണു തോന്നുന്നത്.

I think, Sir, that is no remedy at all On the other hand, that would necessitate the retention of the A. S. P's.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Apart from the opinion of the Commissioner of Police, will the member be pleased to inform us of his individual opinion on this point?

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Sir, I have used rather clear and plain language and I have nothing to add to what I have already said. When I say that this House should attach great value to the opinion of the Commissioner of Police who knows the Department very much more than myself or my friend, I think I need not give any clearer answer.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Sir, after having heard the learned Deputy President, I think it is my duty to offer my opinion as a representative of the people. We are willing to be guided by the Police Commissioner's observations and opinions. But apart from that, we owe a duty to our electorate and have to offer our individual opinions on matters that come before us. The appointment of A. S. P's, and the retention in service of the A. S. P's, was a question that was agitated times out of number in this House. It came up for discussion before the Retrenchment Committee and in other places. It appeared that they were an unfortunate class of officers whose existence would never be justified by anything that they were doing. It does not appear that this disapprobation of the existence of these officers is due to anything in these officers themselves. That is due to a feeling that their existence is unnecessary and cumbersome. When the proposal was first brought up for consideration in this House, the question was fought out on some principles. It was suggested by the Government that this would be tried as a temporary measure and that, if at any time Government are satisfied or if after trial Government think that it is not necessary, they will abolish it. I believe that trial would have been given and Government would have come to a conclusion. But year after year this item is placed before the Council and we are called upon to vote. In spite of the recommendations of the House and

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the Retrenchment Committee they still exist. The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Bishop, suggested before the Retrenchment Committee that, instead of three D. S. P's and six A. S. P's he will be satisfied with six District Officers. Therefore I thought that the opinion that the then Commissioner of Police gave was to the effect that nine officers were a luxury but that six would be necessary.

But it so turned out finally that even the nine were put forward as absolutely necessary. Nothing appears to have been done subsequently in regard to this matter. It would appear that this has become a necessary evil on account of the extreme inattention with which the officers that are above them appear to discharge their duties. When the Assistant Superintendent is at the station, the District Superintendent appears to feel that he can take rest. And when the District Superintendent is at the station, the Assistant Superintendent thinks that he is justified in taking rest. That appears to be the manner in which the matter is considered. If Government are satisfied and come to some decision on this matter, then we shall be satisfied. If the full-time services of one District Superintendent are available to the Government then they can surrender the services of the Assistant Superintendents under them. Anyhow one of the District Superintendents is in the Traffic Police. My impression is that we will very conveniently be able to dispense with him. We have one Traffic Superintendent, who has a large army of men and we have three District Superintendents who are commanding a larger army of Policemen. All these people are assisted by first class Police Inspectors. I cannot understand why the District Superintendents should have Assistant Superintendents except to give them temporary relief; for example, if the Kottayam District Superintendent wants to come to Trivandrum for paying a visit to a friend, he can conveniently do so without the Government knowing it. One of his Assistant Superintendents can similarly go for the Car festival at Suchindram without the matter being known to the Government. These advantages are not beneficial to the people and there is sufficient reason for doing away with the A. S. P's.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I wish to know, under the ruling given to us about including question time, whether the time allotted for this demand has not expired at 12-45.

PRESIDENT: It will expire at 10 minutes past 1.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Sir, I support the motion. As was mentioned here by Mr. Krishna Pillai, the matter came before the Retrenchment Committee and that is why I wish to speak a few words on this motion now. The Commissioner agreed before the Committee that a substantial reduction could be made in the number of officers in grades of District Officers and Assistant Superintendents. He put forward two alternative proposals. One was to take away the Quilon Division and reduce the number of District Officers to two and the other was to reduce the number of Assistant Superintendents by 3,

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That a substantial reduction was possible was thus admitted by the Head of the Department. Eventually we thought over the matter and it was agreed by the Committee that one set of officers would do between the Inspectors of Police and the Commissioner. I do not see why any of these suggestions should not have been accepted by Government and why they should insist upon continuing all the existing officers. As for work of the Assistant Superintendents, there is nothing definitely known as to what they are doing, and how the work is distributed between them and the D. S. P's. I very strongly support the motion.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I move that the question be now put.

PRESIDENT: I will put the question as soon as Mr. S. J. Nair finishes.

MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I oppose the motion. It is true that the former House that does not exist now was of opinion that A. S. P's should be abolished. But at that time the person who was guiding the destinies of the Department was a stranger to the land and he was not aware of the conditions of the country. But as Mr. Velu Pillai has already stated, we have now got as Head of the Department a gentleman who is very well acquaintedwith the conditions of the country. So, as a true son of the soil, if he thinks that A. S. P's. are not required as matters stand at present, in the interests of retrenchment and in the interests of efficiency, he will certainly take the initiative himself and recommend to the authorities the abolition of the posts.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether the member is of opinion that more Assistants are needed for a work when a son of the soil is its head?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): He is new. He has taken charge of the Department only very recently. As soon as he understands that it is unnecessary to keep all these A. S. P's. I am sure he will be the first person to propose their abolition.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is the Commissioner who is a son of the soil not more efficient than a foreign officer?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): He is decidedly more efficient than a foreign officer,

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then why does he want more persons?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): He does not want.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Is the present Commissioner new to the Department or is he new as Head of the Department.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): He is not at all new to the Department. He is well versed with the work of the Department. He is new only as the Head of the Department. That is why I say some time may be given to him for considering the question.

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MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the member considers it as a personal matter?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): No; it is a matter concerning the interests of the State. May I suggest for the information of the head of the department as well as the authorities concerned that in order to reduce false coinage and such other crimes and also to see that cases charge-sheeted before Courts are conducted properly and efficiently and the offenders are brought to book, it is highly necessary that pleaders should be recruited as Inspectors, and Prosecuting Inspectors. Because by nature, by experience and by learning they are best fitted for the work.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): I rise to a point of order. I want to know whether the question of recruitment arises now?

***PRESIDENT**: It does not arise.

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): This question was discussed at great length in two previous Councils. During the first time it was thought that A. S. P's were not necessary. When it was taken for discussion a second time, a majority of the members wanted the retention of A. S. P's and so that was passed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was there not also a dissenting section?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): The majority was of the opinion that A. S. P's were necessary and so the motion was passed. In the Retrenchment Committee this matter was discussed and they suggested that A. S. P's and D. S. P's may be abolished and instead to introduce 7 Asstistant Commissioners dividing Travancore into 7 Sub-divisions. That was not accepted by Government. The A. S. P's came into existence at the reorganisation of 1098. During the time of Mr. George, the then Commissioner of Police, the Sub-Inspector system and Circle Inspector system were introduced. Sub-Inspectors were put in charge of regular stations. Before that, there were Taluk Inspectors for every Taluk; and in each Taluk there was more than one charging station and in all those charging stations the Head constables were in charge and they were designated as Station House Officers. Then there were checking by the Inspectors of Taluks and also by the Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Division; there was a Superintendent of Police for the whole of Travancore. Then the name 'Commissioner' was unknown. If that name was available anywhere in British India, the Superintendent would have been designated, Commissioner, the A. S. P. designated, D. S. P., the Inspectors known as Superintendents and Head constables as Inspectors.

In the Police Department the work of the Travancore Police is the same as in British India. In British India there is the Sub-Inspector, the Circle Inspector, the A. S. P; the D. S. P., sometimes the Deputy Superintendent in the place of D.S.P., then Deputy Inspector General and Inspector General. The work of the Travancore Police is not so very easy as in

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Madras; because in British parts there are villages. Village system means that if one officer goes to a village he will be able to make all enquiries within a few hours questioning all the men in the village. There is the village Magistrate or Munsiff and there are Taliaries to assist him. To that extent, the work of the Police in British parts is minimised. Here the investigation is rather very difficult, because each house is a village. If one Policeman wants to go from Puthenpurakkal to Puthenmangalavu he has to walk one mile. The investigation work will engage him for a number of days. There is every convenience for a murderer to do everything in secret. Nobody could prevent him. There is every convenience for him to commit any crime without the knowledge of others. After the commission of a crime, when the officer goes to the scence, there will be nobody to assist him. These are the difficulties which confront an investigating officer in Travancore. If a grave crime is reported, the Inspector himself has to conduct the whole enquiry in that case. In that jurisdiction, if another grave crime is reported simultaneously, another Inspector will have to be deputed to attend to that case, which is not possible. Hence the Inspector's attention will be diverted, himself investigating two grave crimes simultaneously. Hence continuous investigation in a particular case is not possible. That is a physical impossibility. The D. S. P. will not be able to render him much help. He is in charge of a District and has to maintain discipline over 600 men in his District and has to attend to all manner of routine work. He has to pass Pay Bills, Contingent and T. A. Bills and do all manner of routine work. He has nearly 100 to 200 papers daily to dispose of. He has to enquire about crimes in different places. Sometimes anonymous petitions come and investigations have to be conducted on them. In murder cases, if any particular individual is interested, he will send all manner of petitions to support his interest and these petitions have to be looked into.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I bring to the attention of the Chair, the official member has exceeded his time?

PRESIDENT: I propose to allow some little time more for him to explain. I will see this extra time allowed does not encroach on the time for the next subject. I want to see the decision of the House on this point.

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): In case of difference of opinion between investigating officers, a superior officer has to make a separate enquiry and find out the truth in the matter. So an intermediary officer between the Inspector and the D. S. P. is highly necessary. The D. S. P. will not be able to be in charge of important cases and make enquiries.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the Commissioner of Police ——————

PRESIDENT: There is no time to answer questions.

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MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): The work of the Travancore Police in this respect is rather more difficult than in British India. There, the Police have more advantages than here. There are capable officers too. If they found it possible they would have abolished A. S. P's or the Circle Inspectors, which they have not done. As I said before, the work of the Travancore Police is much more difficult than that of the British Police. The work of the A. S. P. here during a month is very heavy. Say from Chingam to Mithunam the number of cases investigated by them is 317 and the number of days spent on investigations is 424.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether all these cases were investigated from start to finish?

PRESIDENT: I cannot allow that question at this stage.

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Commissioner of Police*): The number of departmental enquiries made by the A. S. P's is 204. The number of days spent for that is 221. In all Session cases, the A. S. P's have to instruct the Sirkar Vakils. In almost all such cases Inspectors have to appear as witnesses. The defence Vakils sometimes raise objection to the Inspectors who took part in the investigation being present in the court. Supposing the D. S. P. is attending the Sessions in Nagercoil and at the same time there is a very important case before the Trivandrum Sessions Court, in such an emergency he will not be able to be present in both the courts at the same time. It is a physical impossibility. This will affect the satisfactory conduct of prosecutions in Sessions cases. So ,for the investigation of cases, for detection and prevention and for successful conduct of prosecutions, a responsible officer between the D. S. P. and the Inspector is very highly necessary. For these reasons, I request the members to consider all these aspects of the question and I think and hope the House will join with me and give a favourable decision.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): I am sorry to say that the Commissioner of Police has not been able to convince me of the necessity for this cadre of intermediary officers between the Inspector of Police and the D. S. P. I hope my friends on this side of the House will agree with me that the absolute necessity of this cadre of officers has not been made out by the explanation offered by the Commissioner I might also observe in this connection that it was during the time of Mr. R. K. Krishna Pillai, the then Commissioner of Police, who is, I daresay an equally patriotic son of the soil and who is happily amidst us enjoying a well-earned rest, that this question was discussed in all its aspects and this House by an overwhelming majority gave its opinion that the place is not necessary in the interests of the efficiency of the department. Therefore I press the motion to a division.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is to omit the allotment of Rs. 17, 125 for salaries of Assistant Superintendents.

The motion was put to the vote and declared lost.

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MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Sir, I demand a poll.

A poll was taken with the following result :—

AYES—25.

1 Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib
2 ,, P. Chidambaram Pillai
3 ,, A. S. Damodaran Asan
4 ,, A. Easwara Pillai (Kalkulam)
5 ,, A. Easwara Pillai (Kottarakara)
6 ,, Pottayil S. Krishna Panicker
7 ,, N. K. Krishna Pillai
8 ,, Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai
9 ,, T. Krishna Pillai
10 ,, K. Kunjukrishna Pillai
11 ,, M. K. Madhavan Pillai
12 ,, M. N. Nair
13 Mr. K. A. Narayana Pillai
14 ,, Pacode A. Narayana Pillai
15 ,, K. Padmanabhan
16 ,, Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon
17 ,, Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai
18 ,, Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai
19 ,, V. Ramakrishna Panicker
20 ,, R. Sambasiva Aiyar
21 ,, R. Sivasubramanya Nadar
22 ,, M. Sivatanu Pillai
23 ,, A. Thanu Pillai
24 ,, V. K. Velappan Nair
25 ,, T. P. Velayudhan Pillai.

NOES—41.

1 Mr. K. C. Abraham
2 ,, T. K. Alexandar
3 ,, V. T. Chacko
4 ,, C. V. Chandrasekharan
5 ,, S. Chattanatha Karayalar
6 ,, Antony George
7 ,, K. George
8 ,, M. Mahomed Haneef
9 ,, S. J. Nair
10 ,, L. H. Jacob
11 ,, M. K. Janardana Kamath
12 ,, T. S. Jayantan Namboodiri
13 ,, N. John Joseph
14 ,, J. M. Joseph
15 ,, T. C. Joseph
16 ,, K. C. Karunakaran
17 ,, T. T. Kesavan Sastri
18 ,, K. M. Krishnan
19 ,, K. P. Krishna Menon
20 ,, E. V. Krishna Pillai
21 Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
22 Mr. C. V. Kunjuraman
23 ,, E. K. Kunjuraman
24 ,, K. M. Kuriakose
25 ,, C. O. Madhavan
26 ,, K. Madhavan
27 ,, K. Mahomed
28 ,, B. Narayana Pillai
29 ,, P. K. Narayana Pillai
30 Srimati T. Narayani Amma
31 Mr. G. Nilakantan
32 ,, R. Nilakanta Pillai
33 ,, N. K. Padmanabha Pillai
34 ,, Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai
35 ,, R. Raman Pillai
36 ,, T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar
37 ,, K. Sankaran
38 ,, P. K. Thomas
39 ,, T. C. Thommen
40 ,, John Whiteley Tolson
41 ,, T. K. Velu Pillai

NEUTRALS—3.

1 Mr. K. R. Elenkath
2 ,, N. E. Varughese
3 Mr. S. Nilakanta Pillai.

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The motion was declared lost.

Motions 228—241

The following motions lapsed on account of the time limit.

MR. S. J. NAIR:
228. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 21,645 for salaries of First Grade Inspectors by Rs. 5

MR. S. J. NAIR:
229. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,755 for salaries of First Grade Traffic Inspectors.

MR. K. SANKARAN:
230. To omit the allotment of Rs. 4,200 for bus examination allowance to the Traffic Inspectors.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH:
231. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,40,329 for salaries by Re. 1

MR. K. R. ELENKATH:
232. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,09,236 for constables by Re. 1

MR. T. K ALEXANDER:
233. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,55,861 for District Police by Re. 1

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE:
234. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,55,861 for District Police by Re. 1

MR. K. MAHOMED:
235. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,55,861 for District Police by Re. 1

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI;
236. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,55,861 for District Police by Re. 1.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI:
237. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,55,861 for District Police by Re. 1

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kottarakara*):
238. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 7,03,815 under Demand IX by Rs. 100

MR. S. J. NAIR:
239. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 7,03,815 under Demand IX by Re. 1.

MR. S. J. NAIR:
240. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 7,03,815 under Demand IX by Rs. 2.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI:
241. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 7,03,815 under Demand IX by Re. 1

PRESIDENT: I put Demand IX—Police—Rs. 7,03,815 to the vote of the House.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND X—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 34,54,850 under Demand X—Public Works Department.

Motions 242 to 244.

The following motions were not moved.

MR. S. J. NAIR:
242. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,100 for Superintendent by Rs. 5

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